

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-52 and 62-80 are allowed and that claims 54-61 would be allowable if amended into independent form. Claims 54-61 have been amended to independent form or depend from an allowable independent claim.

Prior Art Rejections

A. U.S. Patent No. 4,589,642

Claim 53 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,589,642 to Schnelle et al. (hereinafter "Schnelle"). Claim 53 has been cancelled.

Final Comments

All of the objected to claims have been placed in independent form or depend from an allowed claim. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in due course. If necessary, the Examiner is asked to call Applicants' attorney to address any outstanding issues to expedite the prosecution of this application for all parties.

If necessary, Applicants request that this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan C. Barker", written over a horizontal line.

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